

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

During an interview on February 23, 2010, the Examiner indicated that claims 9-18 would be reviewed for allowance. Upon being informed in a subsequent telephone call from the Examiner that these claims would be allowed, Applicant indicated that claims 1-8 and 19-23 would be cancelled. Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-8 and 19-23 resulting in all pending claims allowed. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance for claims 9-18 be issued.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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